



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **NOAA Fisheries Issues a Final Rule for Actions Impacting Snapper-Grouper Management Small Entity Compliance Guide (Rule becomes effective January 27, 2014)**

NOAA Fisheries is publishing a final rule to implement Amendment 27 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region on December 27, 2013.

### **The Final Rule for Amendment 27 will:**

- Extend the South Atlantic Council's management responsibility for Nassau grouper to include the Gulf of Mexico.
- Increase the number of allowable crew members from three to four on dual-permitted vessels (vessels that have both a federal South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Permit for Snapper-Grouper and a South Atlantic Unlimited or 225-Pound Snapper-Grouper Permit).
- Allow captains and crew of for-hire vessels with federal South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Snapper-Grouper Permits to retain bag limit quantities of all snapper-grouper species.
- Remove blue runner from the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region.

This bulletin serves as a Small Entity Compliance Guide, complying with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

This bulletin provides only a summary of the information regarding the existing regulations. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the regulations as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

### **Addresses**

Amendment 27 and the final rule may be obtained from:  
The NOAA Fisheries Web site  
[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/s\\_atl/sg/2013/am27/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/sg/2013/am27/index.html).

### **More Information**

For more information on Amendment 27, please click on this link to the Amendment 27 Frequently Asked Questions found at:  
[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable\\_fisheries/s\\_atl/sg/2013/am27/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/sg/2013/am27/index.html).